

**DRAFT**  
**Advisory Commission on the Environment**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**February 25, 2004**

Commissioners Present: Jeanne Webb-Chavez, Mary Diaz, Steve Hesse, Eddy Morales,  
Mark Mitchell, June Lyons, Robert Pandolfo, Richard Parmlee Sr.

Commissioners Excused: Rita Kornblum

Staff Present: Nancy Noli

A motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2003 was made by June Lyons and seconded by Richard Parmlee. They were approved as written.

Dr. Mitchell conducted a review of the bylaws changes as proposed by the Bylaws Committee. The bylaws cannot be adopted until there is a new ordinance. A motion to use the term environmental equity in the bylaws was made by Jeanne Webb and Seconded by June Lyons, passed by a show of hands. Further discussion regarding the by-laws will continue at the next scheduled meeting.

Old Business

Dr. Mitchell conducted a toxic tour of Hartford (from MDC to the landfill) on January 17, 2004 by. Commissioner Hesse reported that it was very informative.

Earth Day is Saturday, April 24. The commission determined that we would conduct a survey to get an idea about the issues that are of most concern to the public. HNEP will sponsor activities throughout the week.

Dr. Mitchell announced that a forum will be held to discuss landfill expansion on March 27<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. This forum will be co-hosted by African American Alliance and Hartford Environmental Justice Network.

A CRRA representative will be invited to the April meeting to discuss issues related to the landfill. John Rose our new Corporation Counsel will be invited to attend a meeting in the future. The May meeting could be a possible date.

Jeanne Webb-Chavez spoke at the public hearing for the State Plan of Conservation and Development. One issue that she raised is the need for the reduction of the cost of transfers of contaminated properties. This is an issue that affects our poorest neighborhoods and keeps properties out of the reach of local investors.

Energy Conservation Task Force

Dr. Mitchell discussed his meetings involving the Inter-Religious Eco-Justice group and businesses that are gathering data on energy conservation. They want to work as an advisory committee to the Commission on the Environment on Energy Related Education.. A motion was made by Jeanne Webb-Chavez and seconded by Eddy Morales to invite this committee to the next meeting. Jeanne Webb-Chavez will contact Tom Morano of N.E. Utilities

Nancy Noli contacted Dan Carey, Town & City Clerk regarding swearing in, minutes and schedule. Since the City Council has not given the committee any powers, members do not have to be sworn in or minutes submitted. A list of meeting dates is required to be posted for public view.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.